

compare the returns of general and county elections at the house of Thomas E. McKeethan, in Town Creek township.

Repealing clause

When to be in force.

SEC. 2. That all laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and that this act shall be in force from its ratification.

Ratified the 3d day of March, 1873.

CHAPTER CLXX.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WILMINGTON SHIP CANAL COMPANY.

Purpose.

Corporation and name.

Rights and privileges.

By-laws.

Capital stock.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact as follows:* That for the purpose of connecting the waters of the port of Wilmington with the waters of the Atlantic ocean by a ship canal in the county of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, that the company now incorporated and known as the Wilmington Ship Canal Company, their present and future associates and their successors, be and the same are hereby incorporated a body corporate under the name and style of the "Wilmington Ship Canal Company," and as such corporation they shall have perpetual succession; may require, hold and possess real and personal property, sue and be sued; have a common seal, which they may change or alter at pleasure; have power to make by-laws for the regulation and government of the company, and to do all other acts and things which a body corporate may do, not inconsistent with or repugnant to the constitution and other laws of the State of North Carolina or of the United States.

SEC. 2. That the capital stock of said company shall be five hundred thousand dollars, which shall be raised